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Title:                  Novel Human Protease  
                            and Polynucleotides Encoding  
                            the Same

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Drenda D. Thomas, do declare and state as follows:

1.       I prepared a Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 - 1.825 in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

2.       I hereby state that the contents of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same and that the computer readable form being submitted herewith does not include new matter.

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